

# GUNMEN EXECUTED AT BREAK OF DAY

## "Whitely Lewis" Makes Remarkable Statement While Strapped in Death Chair.

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The current was switched off. The body sank back into the chair absolutely inert. Then a brief wait and again the body leaped to the shock of the electricity. That contact soon passed, and instantly the prison physicians, Dr. Parr and Merenda, came forward; attendants tore open the loose shirt and in just a few seconds, at 5:52 a. m., the stethoscopes recorded that life was extinct.

### Lost No Time.

No time was lost. The ready attendants in a twinkling unclasped the straps that held the body and the electrodes about the right calf. Then two more attendants, clad in white, came to the morgue behind the chair. Each put an arm under the loose shirt and a corse, each took an ankle, and Jacob Seidenhauer, gunman, went into the prison morgue to a cold slab, while the chair was hastily made ready again for "Gyp the Blood."

"Gyp" Frank Croft was the first to die. From 4:20 a. m. to a time not given out, he had remained in the death in an agony of farewell with his mother and his sister Mary. He was understood, begged him to confess as if he had anything to confess as to Rosenbach's murder, but so far as is known he turned a deaf ear to their entreaties, maintaining his innocence to the last.

There was much sympathy shown for Croft by the warden and his sisters. Like Seidenhauer he was preceded to the chair by Rabbi Goldstein and held the book of prayer in his right hand. Three minutes were given Croft and five minutes were consumed from the first swing of the fatal switch until the physician announced that his heart had ceased to beat.

### "Gyp" Was Frightened.

Fear distorted the visage of Harry Horowitz ("Gyp the Blood"), the third to die. His eyes stuck out in terror. Like Seidenhauer he was preceded to the chair by Rabbi Goldstein and held the book of prayer in his right hand. Three minutes were given Horowitz and five minutes were consumed from the first swing of the fatal switch until the physician announced that his heart had ceased to beat.

Louis Rosenberg, "Lefty Louie," the most intelligent of the murderers, was the hardest to kill. It took four shocks to drive life from his frame. The current was first turned on for "Lefty Louie" at 5:08. When it was switched on the second time there were still evidences of life. The physicians then examined him, and a third and fourth shock was given. He was finally pronounced dead at 6:17.

One of the few spectacular features of the execution was provided by Rosenberg in the death house. Each of the gunmen, as he left his cell, called out "Good-by" to his fellows, and each shook the hand of Head Keeper McManis and Warden.

Rosenberg, however, broke down as he passed the warden on his way to the chair, threw his arms about his neck and kissed him on the cheek. The warden was so affected that he could barely utter the signal for the execution.

One of the most pitiful phases of the execution was the agony of the warden's carrier, who carried the downed, two strong keepers were needed to support the aged woman from the prison morgue to the death chair. There, for a moment more than an hour, she wept over her son and the warden of the prison, leaving the woman and her daughter, Mary, could hear her sobbing shrilly through the otherwise silent house of punishment and death.

Belief that the gunmen were surely guilty of the crime for which they were hanged by Seidenhauer's statement and more, perhaps, by the manner of its delivery—was intensified before the execution, by Father Cashin.

"Father," he was asked, "will Dago Frank confess?"

"I think not," was the reply.

"Do you, personally, think him guilty?" was the next query. "Don't answer unless you wish to do so," said the priest.

"I cannot say that," was the priest's reply. "But if you knew what is here—looking at his forehead—you would have some doubts."

### Murderers Were Careless.

The murder of Herman Rosenbach, the gambler who "squealed," probably was the most cold-blooded in its conception, and the most carelessly and contemptuously carried out of any in all the sordid and sensational criminal history of greater New York. Police Lieut. Charles Becker, leader of New York's "strong arm squad," was convicted, previous to the gunmen, of first degree murder, as instigator of the crime and sentenced to death. For over a year he sat in a cell on the "life side" of the "little green door," which leads to the death chair and the beyond. Then he was granted a new trial by the court of appeals on technical grounds. He is now in the Tombs.

Besides the five convictions mentioned, four police inspectors, one police captain, a police sergeant, and several patrolmen, were sent to the penitentiary, following investigations of graft conditions revealed at the murder trials. Dennis Sweeney, John J. Murphy, James E. Husey, and James F. Thompson, all police inspectors, were convicted of grafting and served a year at Blackwell's. Three days before their terms expired, Murtha's conviction was reversed by the appellate division, which upheld the conviction of the others.

Herman Rosenbach was murdered at 2 a. m. on the morning of July 16, 1912. He had been furnishing District Attorney Whitman with evidence of police grafting, which connected Becker with the murder trials. He had been several times warned to stop his "squealing." While dining at the Metropole, located just off Broadway, on West Fifty-second street, he was called to the pavement by a man never identified. As he stepped to the curb he was shot through the brain. The murderer calmly walked to a waiting automobile and rode off toward Fifth avenue. A policeman recorded a fictitious number of the car. A bystander who had witnessed the shooting, took the license number, and was arrested when he gave it to the police of the Forty-second street station. Only the fact that District Attorney Whitman got out of bed to assume immediate personal charge of the case saved this man and his memory of the car number from the prosecution. It was this slender thread of evidence from which Whitman traced the real slayers, and built up his case.

### Mt. Rainier to Vote on Bonds for Improvements

Whether to issue bonds for the construction of an electric light plant, water mains and sewers is to be decided at a special election April 21 in Mt. Rainier, Md. There are 519 persons entitled to participate in the election and it is predicted that the proposition will carry by 100 majority. Authorization for the election and the issue of bonds was given recently by the Legislature.

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## CAPITAL TRACTION DESCENDS TO PAR

The gradual decline in Capital Traction stock, which has been going on for the last few weeks, brought that stock to par on the Washington Stock Exchange, the first time it has reached that level in years. It is believed the stock never has sold at par on the open market since the days it reached 100 on its climb to 125. This figure was maintained until a few months ago.

Washington brokers returned to the city today filled with energy after their three days' vacation, and when the Stock Exchange opened it seemed that every man had a handful of orders to be filled. The session was a lively one. Practically every class of stocks and bonds came in for some trading. Prices remained firm in a majority of the instances. It was only in Capital Traction that a marked decline was noted.

It was a low level for the Traction stock. During the closing days of last week the stock was bid in at par, but no sales resulted. Today, however, the bid price of 100, which obtained at the close of Thursday's session, was backed up to 100 at the opening of the market. Five blocks of the stock, 10, 15, 1, 4, and 1 share, sold at 100. It dropped off to 99 1/2 on the second block, and then to 99 1/4 on the third. Five shares brought 100. When this transfer was recorded the market was again quiet, and no other sales were made.

The four per cent bonds of the Washington Railway and Electric Company were unusually strong. One of the \$100 bonds sold at 97 1/2, and at 98 1/2, a \$50 bond at 97 1/2, and three of the \$25 bonds at 97 1/2. The \$100 bond sold at 97 1/2, and the \$50 bond at 97 1/2. The \$25 bond sold at 97 1/2, and the \$10 bond at 97 1/2. The \$5 bond sold at 97 1/2, and the \$2 1/2 bond at 97 1/2. The \$1 1/4 bond sold at 97 1/2, and the \$3/4 bond at 97 1/2. The \$1/2 bond sold at 97 1/2, and the \$3/8 bond at 97 1/2. The \$1/4 bond sold at 97 1/2, and the \$1/8 bond at 97 1/2. The \$1/16 bond sold at 97 1/2, and the \$1/32 bond at 97 1/2. The \$1/64 bond sold at 97 1/2, and the \$1/128 bond at 97 1/2. The \$1/256 bond sold at 97 1/2, and the \$1/512 bond at 97 1/2. The \$1/1024 bond sold at 97 1/2, and the \$1/2048 bond at 97 1/2. The \$1/4096 bond sold at 97 1/2, and the \$1/8192 bond at 97 1/2. The \$1/16384 bond sold at 97 1/2, and the \$1/32768 bond at 97 1/2. 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